

# Report of the Open-Ended Working Group on Monitoring and Assessment

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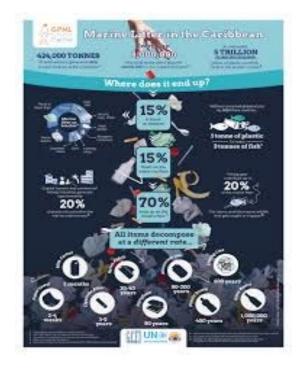
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### OEWG Activities since COP4

- Open-Ended Working Group (OEWG) met virtually four times September 24, 2019 (post-IGM/COP); March 26, 2020, January 12, 2021, July 12, 2021
- ❖Input to Secretariat on new Terms of Reference for the OEWG
- ❖ Feedback to Secretariat on SOCAR finalization, publication and dissemination, including linkages to CLME+, State of the Marine Environment Report, INVEMAR Caribbean Marine Atlas, UN Decade of Ocean Science
- Technical input to the Regional Nutrient Pollution Reduction Strategy
- ❖ Participation in technical webinars of interest to the LBS Protocol e.g. Barcelona Convention Working Groups on municipal waste & sewage sludge and amending annexes to the Mediterranean Convention LBS Protocol
- Input on country reporting template for training needs on monitoring and assessment
- Early input to AMEP workplan and budget from monitoring and assessment perspective
- Recommendation for sub-groups

### Potential Recommendations

- Endorsement of the Regional Nutrient Reduction Strategy
- Provide input on subsequent implementation of the RNRS
- Form three sub-groups:
  - Standards and criteria (standards and methodologies, nutrients, wastewater, defining Class I & II waters
  - Information management
  - Future planning (emerging issues in region)
- ❖ Provide technical advice and guidance to the Secretariat on ways to enhance laboratory capacity to assist in long term monitoring and assessment of SOCAR parameters
- Identify how to increase LBS/SPAW interactions e.g. sargassum, impact of plastics on marine mammals



#### **Thank You!**



Merci!



**Gracias!**